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SUBJ: CSTD II: KENYAN PROPOSAL FOR A UN SCIENCE PROGRAM

1. THE DEPT WILL RECALL THAT, AT THE 55TH SESSION OF ECOSOC IN THE SUMMER OF 1973, KENYA ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO PROPOSE THE CREATION OF A UN SCIENCE PROGRAM. AS DESCRIBED BY KENYA AT THAT TIME, THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE MODELLED ON THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AND WOULD BE FINANCED BY A SPECIAL FUND.
 2. IN CAREFULLY PREPARED STATEMENT ON MARCH 15, THE KENYAN REP TO CSTD ALLUDED TO THIS PROPOSAL AND SAID THAT KENYA HOPES TO PRESENT A DRAFT RESOLUTION AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF ECOSOC. FULL TEXT OF KENYAN'S REMARKS HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO DEPT (BALANTO, IO/SCT).
 3. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS, KENYAN REP, IN LOW-KEY MANNER, HAS URGED US TO RECONSIDER ITS OPPOSITION TO THEIR PROPOSAL. GIST OF HIS REMARKS IS THAT SCIENCE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE GIVEN EFFECTIVE ATTENTION BY UN SYSTEM UNLESS A SPECIAL BODY IS CREATED WITH BROAD COORDINATING FUNCTIONS SUCH AS UNEP HAS IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD.
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